

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROIC ACTIONS BY THE STAFF OF JEANNE MOORE, INC., IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to the heroic actions of the entire staff at Jeanne Moore, Inc. Daycare in Montgomery, Alabama, and to specifically recognize the bravery of Ms. Jeanne Moore, Ms. Liberty Duke, Ms. Sharon Ware and Ms. Elaine Edwards.

On November 15th, powerful tornados swept through Alabama, including the City of Montgomery. Jeanne Moore, Inc. Daycare was in the path of one of those tornados and was destroyed while the children were on site. According to Jeanne Moore, one four year old described the terrifying experience as, "my school was breaking in two . . ." Responding quickly and professionally, the staff at the daycare did not flee, but made sure the children were safe and covered the children with their own bodies during the brunt of the storm.

According to news reports, Ms. Liberty Duke had two of her own children at the daycare when the storms hit. Instead of going to look for her children, she saved the ones closest to her knowing and trusting that the staff at Jeanne Moore, Inc. would take care of her own. She was right.

In addition, media reports said that Ms. Jeanne Moore recalls seeing other nearby citizens risking their lives when they realized what was happening. Moore said after the storm passed people were running from surrounding businesses to help pull children from the rubble.

Miraculously, no one died and only minor injuries were incurred.

I salute the heroes from that horrible day—everyday Alabamians working together to save innocent children. It is indeed a miracle that no lives were lost, and I hope we will all look to these brave Alabamians as role models for us all.

TRIBUTE TO MR. STEPHEN R. REED

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Stephen R. Reed of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who was voted America's number one mayor in the World Mayor 2006 online poll by the City Mayor organization.

Mayor Reed, the 7-term mayor of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is the only United States mayor to ever break into the top 3 spots in the annual online contest finishing third in the world. From January to May each year, citizens nominate mayors in the contest then choose from a list of fifty finalists from June to October. This year, over 103,000 people voted giving Mayor Reed more than 7,000 votes.

Under his leadership, the Pennsylvania state capital has been revitalized with the de-

velopment of shops, hotels, and restaurants in the downtown area that once stood virtually vacant; the Harrisburg Senators baseball games and other attractions have revived tourism in the city; the Harrisburg University was established; and graduation rates have increases since Mr. Reed took control of the city school district.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to recognize a man who has dedicated his entire life to the City of Harrisburg, helping hundreds of people in my district, including myself. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Stephen R. Reed on his many years of devoted public service and thank him for the many contributions he has made toward the well being of the citizens of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5466, CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH CHESAPEAKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL DESIGNATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of H.R. 5466, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Designation Act, which traces the 1607 and 1608 water voyages of Captain John Smith to chart the land and waterways of the Chesapeake Bay. The water trail extends approximately 3,000 miles along the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and in the District of Columbia. The year 2007 will mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown and Captain John Smith's monumental voyages of exploration in the Chesapeake Bay, making passage of this legislation and the designation of this route as a national historic trail timely.

Designating this historic trail is an excellent way for Americans to learn about the voyage of Captain John Smith and the valuable resources of the Chesapeake Bay and will help to spur efforts to protect and restore the region's historic and environmental assets. During his voyage, Captain John Smith traveled 45 miles up the Nanticoke River into Delaware. He reached approximately half a mile above Broad Creek, in present-day Sussex County, where he placed a brass cross to symbolize the furthest extent of his exploration. During that time, Captain John Smith met and traded with hundreds of the Kuskarawaok (Nanticoke) Indians who were vital to keeping the Jamestown settlement alive through their knowledge and trade goods.

This project is widely supported in Delaware by Governor Ruth Ann Minner; Delaware Economic Development Office; Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control; Nanticoke Indian Tribe; New Castle County; City of Seaford; Town of Laurel; Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce; Delmarva Low Impact Tourism Experiences; Greater Seaford Chamber of Commerce; Laurel Chamber of Commerce; Southern Delaware Tourism (Sussex County); University of Delaware; the Conservation Fund in Delaware; and the DuPont Corporation.

As an original cosponsor of this legislation and earlier legislation that authorized the feasibility study of the proposed trail by the National Park Service, I fully back this project and look forward to visiting the portion of the trail that extends along the Nanticoke River in Delaware.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2006, I was unavoidably absent and missed rollcall vote 524. For the record, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

DEMOCRATIC PACIFIC UNION SYMPOSIUM

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize that on December 8, 2006, the Democratic Pacific Union will be hosting an international symposium in Taipei, Taiwan on democracy and commerce. Participants from more than 20 countries will discuss issues related to democracy and the workings of national legislatures, parliaments and congresses.

The Democratic Pacific Union was founded in Taiwan and is committed to the promotion of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the Pacific Rim. It emphasizes representative government and peaceful resolution of disputes.

I am pleased that the Democratic Pacific Union will foster a discussion about the importance of democracy and the rule of law and also pleased that the open dialogue will foster the possibility of enduring peace.

TRIBUTE TO CARL YAEGER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a medical pioneer, Dr. Carl E. Yaeger, Jr. Dr. Yaeger is the recipient of the Trailblazer Award, a recognition bestowed upon him for his extraordinary contributions to his profession.

Carl Yaeger was born in Hartford, Connecticut, the son of another trailblazer, Dr. Carl Yaeger, Sr. founder of the Yaeger Clinic in Long Island, New York. Carl Jr. came to my home State of South Carolina to practice his profession after graduating from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and Center States College of Physiatrics. In 1956, Dr. Yaeger joined his father in Miami, Florida to open the Yaeger Clinic there. It is one of the oldest African American owned medical facilities in the country.

Over the years, Dr. Yaeger built a tremendous clientele. He has provided health care to